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1. AT THE JUNE 6 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) REPORTED THAT THE DEMARCHE TO THE POLES IN BONN AND BRUSSELS HAD BEEN MADE ACCORDING TO THE AGREED SCENARIO (REFTEL, PARA 5, AND PREVIOUS). AFTER OBTAINING FINAL APPROVAL FROM PARIS FOR THE SCENARIO (LONDON AND BONN HAD APPROVED EARLIER), THE FOREIGN OFFICE SUMMONED POLISH EMBASSY MINISTER MAKOSA ON JUNE 1. FRG

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LAUTENSCHLAGER REPLIED TO THE POLISH PROPOSAL, MADE TO THE FRG ON DECEMBER 28, 1978 (REF B), THAT THE FRANK-FALIN CLAUSE BE USED AS THE AREAHOF APPLICABILITY CLAUSE IN THE POLISH-EC TEXTILE AGREEMENT. AFTER REJECTING THE USE OF THE FRANK-FALIN CLAUSE, LAUTENSCHLAGER INFORMED MAKOSA THAT THE POLISH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS WOULD SOON BE APPROACHED BY THE EC ON THE SUBJECT OF THE AREA OF APPLICABILITY CLAUSE. LAUTENSCHLAGER RECOMMENDED TO MAKOSA THAT THE POLES CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE EC PROPOSAL. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID MAKOSA DID NOT REACT.

2. AN EC NEGOTIATOR DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE POLISH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS ON JUNE 2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREED SCENARIO, BUT VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE EC PROPOSALS FOR AGREED MINUTES WERE HANDED TO THE POLES. THE POLES ALSO HAD NO IMMEDIATE REACTION TO THIS DEMARCHE, HE SAID, AND THE FRG EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD BE SOME TIME BEFORE THE POLES DID MAKE A RESPONSE.

3. VON BRAUNMUEHL RECALLED THAT THE HUNGARIANS HAD INDICATED THAT THEY HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH THE EARLIER PROPOSALS MADE TO THEM BY THE EC. HE SAID THE FRG BELIEVED THE EC SHOULD MAKE TO THE HUNGARIANS THE SAME PROPOSALS THAT NOW HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE POLES. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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BRITISH REP (EYERS) AND FRENCH REP (RICHARD) AGREED TO QUERY IMMEDIATELY THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS ON THIS POINT, BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT IN ANY EVENT THE EC PLANNED TO CONTACT THE HUNGARIANS IN A FEW DAYS. IT WAS AGREED THAT IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, FRG/ALLIED COORDINATION ON A DEMARCHE TO THE HUNGARIANS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS.
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